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Application of: Begovich *et al.*

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For: TCF-1 NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE  
VARIATION

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(1803-300-999)

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action mailed February 26, 2003, in connection with the above-captioned patent application. Filed herewith are: 1) Exhibit A ("Marked Up Version of Amended Paragraphs"); 2) Exhibit B (Pending Claims After Entry of the Instant Amendment); and 3) a Fee Transmittal Sheet. This response is being filed within two months from the date of the final Office Action (*see MPEP § 706.07(f)*).

Applicants kindly request reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 5, 12, 14, 15, 17, and 20-23 without prejudice to renewal.

Please amend claims 18 to read as follows:

18. (Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said TCF-1 gene comprises SEQ ID NO: 1, an A allele of SEQ ID NO: 1 or the complements thereof.